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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Gary Filice et al. )  
                                    ) Group Art Unit: 3711  
Application No.: 10/666,449 )  
                                    ) Examiner: Michael S. Chambers  
Filed: September 19, 2003     )  
                                    ) Attorney Docket No.: EAST-003  
For: Sports Equipment Handle )  
      with Cushion and Grip Ribs )

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office entitled "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)", dated March 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims and begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.